

Notice of Allowability		Application No. 10/766,251	Applicant(s) ROODENBURG ET AL.
		Examiner Jesus D. Sotelo	Art Unit 3617
<p><i>-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--</i></p> <p>All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.</p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This communication is responsive to _____. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-29</u>. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The drawings filed on <u>1/28/2004</u> are accepted by the Examiner. <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). <p>* Certified copies not received: _____.</p> <p>Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 6. <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <input type="checkbox"/> hereto or 2) <input type="checkbox"/> to Paper No./Mail Date _____. (b) <input type="checkbox"/> including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____. <p>Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).</p> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. 			
<p>Attachment(s)</p> <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/16/2004</u></p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In paragraph [0075], line 1, the last "the" has been deleted.

In paragraph [0076], line 1, "though" has been changed to --through--.

In paragraph [0077], line 1, "though" has been changed to --through--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose a submersible remotely operable vehicle comprising a body, a thruster, a position detection device, and at least one positioning wire winch , wherein the positioning wire winch includes a control device and the winch control device is connected to the positioning detection device, generally as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Claims 1-29 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jesús D. Sotelo whose telephone number is 571-272-6686. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 6:00 AM -2:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel J. Morano can be reached on 571-272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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